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WASHINGTON (AP) -- CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER SAID TODAY THE LOSS OF U.S. MONITORING SITES IN IRAN HAS IMPAIRED U.S. CONFIDENCE IN ITS ABILITY TO VERIFY THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY NOW BEING NEGOTIATED WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

AT A GATHERING OF THE OVERSEAS WRITERS CLUB, TURNER REFUSED TO DISCUSS WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS DOING TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF THE IRANIAN SITES.

TURNER SAID ''IMPROPER REVELATIONS'' ABOUT U.S. TECHNIQUES FOR OBSERVING SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITIES ALREADY HAS CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE TO U.S. INTERESTS.

IF THE SOVIETS BECOME AWARE OF TECHNIQUES THE UNITED STATES IS USING, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DEVISE METHODS TO BLOCK U.S. MONITORING PROCEDURES, HE SAID.

''THERE IS NO INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION TECHNIQUE THAT DOES NOT HAVE A COUNTER,'' HE SAID. IF THE U.S. TECHNIQUES BECOME KNOWN THROUGH INFORMATION LEAKS, HE SAID, ''I GUARANTEE YOU WE WON'T BE ABLE TO VERIFY (THE TREATY) OVER THE LONG RUN.''

IT HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED RECENTLY THAT THE UNITED STATES HOPES TO USE SITES IN TURKEY TO OFFSET THE DECISION OF IRAN'S NEW ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT TO SHUT DOWN U.S. FACILITIES IN NORTHWEST IRAN. ANOTHER U.S. OPTION REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IS USE OF U-2 FLIGHTS FOR HIGH ALTITUDE MONITORING.

TURNER SAID IT IS NOT THE CIA'S ROLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MONITORING TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES ARE ADEQUATE TO ENSURE SOVIET COMPLIANCE. HE SAID THOSE DECISIONS ARE MADE ELSEWHERE IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DECLINED COMMENT ON THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF THE IRANIAN SITES, SAYING ONLY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT SIGN ANY AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WILL BE UNABLE TO MONITOR SOVIET MISSILE TESTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

ALSO ON IRAN, TURNER DENIED THAT THE U.S. INABILITY TO FORESEE THE COLLAPSE OF THE IRANIAN MONARCHY LAST JANUARY REPRESENTED AN ''INTELLIGENCE FAILURE.''

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